

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 3, with the following amended paragraph:

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Once the cylindrical tube 12 has been formed as described above, a press brake is used to form a channel 28 in the tube 12, as seen in Fig. 1A. The press brake (not shown) ~~performs~~ deforms the cylindrical tube 12, as shown in Fig. 1, to create the well screen cover 10 according to the present invention, as shown in Fig. 1A. Because the channel 28 is created in the well screen cover 10 by deforming the cylindrical tube 12, the resulting well screen cover 10, as shown in Fig. 1A, has a smaller diameter than the cylindrical tube 12, prior to deformation, as shown in Fig. 1. As can be seen with reference to Figs. 1 and 1A, the diameter 24 of the cylindrical tube 12 decreases to the diameter 30 as a result of the formation of channel 28. For example, in a preferred embodiment, the diameter 30 of the well screen cover 10, as shown in Fig. 1A, is approximately 6.74 inches. This diameter can be used in an 8.5 inch open bore hole. It will be readily apparent to one of ordinary skill in the art that other diameters can be used in larger or smaller (e.g. 6 1/8 inch) open bore holes.